

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  SHELLSBURG TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-97-21 TCU-97-29
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**ORDER APPROVING WITHDRAWAL**

(Issued May 4, 2001)

On August 8, 1997, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order approving the application of Shellsburg Telecommunications, Inc. (Shellsburg), to provide local exchange service in local exchanges of Walker, Brandon, Central City, Troy Mills, Rowley, Ryan, Center Point, and Coggon, Iowa. The order was issued in Docket No. TCU-97-21. The order stated that Shellsburg was required to file proposed tariffs before it would be granted a certificate to provide local exchange service.

On October 9, 1997, the Board issued an order approving an application of Shellsburg to provide local exchange service in the Vinton exchange. Shellsburg was ordered to file proposed tariffs before it would be granted a certificate to provide local exchange service.

On April 23, 2001, Shellsburg filed a request to withdraw its applications. Shellsburg stated that it had no plans to become a competitive local exchange provider at this time.

The Board finds that the withdrawal of the applications is reasonable. The applications filed by Shellsburg were approved almost four years ago and proposed tariffs have not been filed to complete the process. In addition, Shellsburg has indicated it has no plans to become a competitive local exchange service provider. It is preferable that the company withdraw the application and reapply when it is prepared to complete the process and obtain a certificate to provide local exchange service.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The request to withdraw the applications to provide local exchange service in the exchanges of Walker, Brandon, Central City, Troy Mills, Rowley, Ryan, Center Point, Coggon, and Vinton, filed by Shellsburg Telecommunications, Inc., on April 23, 2001, is approved.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.